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I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: FILTERS AND METHODS OF MAKING AND USING THE SAME

The specification of which

- a. ☐ is attached hereto
 b. ☒ was filed on October 24, 2003 as application serial no. 10/693,602 and was amended on (if applicable) (in the case of a PCT-filed application) described and claimed in international no. filed and as amended on (if any), which I have reviewed and for which I solicit a United States patent.

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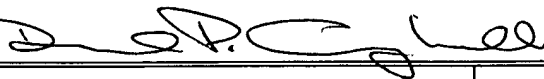
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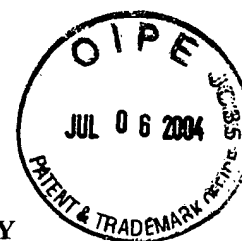
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